

**SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATED CONFIGURATION OF  
ACCESS TO THE INTERNET**

ABSTRACT

5           A system 100 for automated configuration of access to a wide area network  
(80) including an application server computer (112), a communications link (90)  
providing a signaling pathway for application server computer (112) over a wide  
area network (80), and a control center (134) accessible by the wide area network  
(80). The control center (134) is adapted to automatically detect the presence of  
10 application server computer (112) on the wide area network (80). Control center  
(134) is also adapted to provide automatic registration, configuration and protection  
of the application server computer (112) so that said one or more users are able to  
achieve access to and use of the wide area network (80). Application server  
computer (112) includes an interface to the wide area network (128), control  
15 software (130) for detecting the type of connection available, and a means for  
storing user configuration and security information (132).

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